

STATE OF VERMONT
PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 8598

Petition of Winooski Hydroelectric Company for a)
certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A.)
Sections 219a(k) and 248(j), authorizing approval)
of a group net-metering arrangement for the Winooski)
8 hydroelectric project in East Montpelier, Vermont)

Order entered: 11/13/2015

ORDER RE REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

On October 9, 2015, the Vermont Public Service Board ("Board") issued a notice to statutory parties in this proceeding initiating a 28-day comment period pursuant to Section 248(j)(2), with comments due on or before November 6, 2015.

On November 6, 2015, Winooski Hydroelectric Company (the "Petitioner") requested a 15-day extension for comments in order to give the Petitioner time to file an amendment to its original petition pertaining to the sale of excess power from the proposed net metering system.

On November 9, 2015, the Petitioner filed Supplemental Prefiled Testimony with the Board, with copies provided to the statutory parties, describing the revised agreement for the sale of excess power from the proposed net metering system.

For substantial changes made to a proposed project after a petition has been filed, Board Rule 5.407 requires the petitioner to provide notice of the change to all parties entitled to notice. Board Rule 5.407 does not specify the nature or timing of the required notice, but defines a substantial change as one that has the potential for significant impact with respect to any of the criteria under Section 248(b) or the general good of the state under Section 248(a).

In this case, the proposed change is not related to the net metering system that is the subject of the petition, and therefore is not considered substantial under Board Rule 5.407. Additionally, notice has been provided to relevant parties, and the 15-day extension to the 248(j)

comment period will give the relevant parties time to review and consider the revised information in their comments to the Board.

This is also consistent with Board Rule 2.204(G), which states that amendments to any filing may be made at any time, with parties having ten days to file objections. The rule also empowers the Board to require additional notice to other parties and the public as justice may require. As noted above, the parties to this proceeding received notice of the amendment, and we conclude that no additional notice is warranted. Additionally, the requested extension of the comment period by 15 days provides the relevant parties sufficient time to file any objections they may have to the change in the proposed Project.

For the reasons stated above, the Petitioner's request is granted. The revised comment deadline is November 30, 2015.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 13th day of November, 2015.

<u>s/James Volz</u>)	
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<u>s/Margaret Cheney</u>)	
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<u>s/Sarah Hofmann</u>)	OF VERMONT

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: November 13, 2015

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson
Clerk of the Board

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